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SUBJECT: SAWYER CONGRESSIONAL

1. DAVID KAMM, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN PROSECUTING
ATTORNEY WILL BE IN LONDON WEEK OF JUNE 27, AND PLANS TO
CONTACT COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR TO DISCUSS CASE DESCRIBED
IN LETTER TO BILL MILLER FROM HUGH MAKENS, CORPORATION
AND SECURITIES BUREAU, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND DATED
MARCH 17, 1977. KAMM HAS SPOKEN WITH DEPARTMENT AND IS
WELL AWARE OF LIMITATIONS ON FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS TO
CONDUCT EXTENSIVE AND SENSITIVE COMMERCIAL INVESTIGATIONS.
HE HOPES, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSY FILES WILL HAVE SOMETHING
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USEFUL IN THEM ON EITHER WALLERSTEINER OR ANGLO CONTINENTAL EXCHANGE.

2. FOR FRANKFURT: WITHIN LIMITS CONGEN CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE IN LOCAL-BUSINESS/FINANCIAL CIRCLES TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFO RE WALLERSTEINER AND ACE.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED CASE IN DETAIL WITH CONGRESSMAN SAWYER'S STAFF AS WELL AS WITH KAMM. THEY NOW REALIZE THE LIMITATIONS ON FOREIGN SERVICE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION SUCH AS THAT REQUESTED IN MAKENS LETTER. HOWEVER, CASE MUST BE PROSECUTED QUICKLY OR GRAND JURY WILL DISMISS CHARGES. THEREFORE, ANY REASONABLE ASSISTANCE WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED TO KAMM WOULD BE APPRECIATED. SUCH ASSISTANCE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, WILL BE ON A BEST EFFORTS BASIS.

4. FYI: KAMM'S BOSS IS CONGRESSMAN SAWYER'S SON. VANCE

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